Resolution: Adoption of the policy document entitled “Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship”

WHEREAS the CFMS currently has no policy document on antimicrobial resistance and stewardship;

WHEREAS antimicrobial resistance caused by inadequate stewardship poses an unacceptable risk to the safety of patients and the public;

WHEREAS medical education must include relevant training that prepares students for the current, worrying realities of antimicrobial resistance;

WHEREAS other medical student organizations such as the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA) have adopted positions on this issue;

WHEREAS medical organizations such as the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS), Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) have created policy documents on this subject;

WHEREAS the adoption of such a paper would allow for members, National Officers, and the CFMS Executive to champion this issue more effectively with official CFMS support;

WHEREAS the adoption of this paper would enable Canadian medical students to advocate for the incorporation of antimicrobial stewardship and resistance education in their training;

WHEREAS education pertaining to antimicrobial stewardship and resistance is in the best interests of future physicians and the patients they serve;

BIRT the CFMS formally adopt the attached, edited policy document entitled, “Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship”.

Financial Cost: $0

Level of Effort: N/A

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